

### WON PRAISE FOR HISTORY

Work of Charles Rollin, Famous Frenchman, Was for Many Years a Standard Book.

No less a personage than Voltaire praises the work known as "Rollin's Ancient History," which, though now obsolete, was for years in its English translation the standard work on the Egyptians, Carthaginians, Assyrians, and other ancient nations.

Voltaire, while praising the work highly, alleges that it would have been better if the author had been more of a philosopher, able to distinguish between the false from the true, incredible from the probable, and to sacrifice the useless. Notwithstanding, he said it is the best compilation in any language, because compilers are seldom eloquent, and Rollin was.

Charles Rollin was a Frenchman, and he died at Paris, the place of his birth, on Sept. 14, 1741. This celebrated man rose from poverty and obscurity to a position of the greatest dignity. He was the son of a cutter, yet at the age of 33 he was made rector of the University of Paris, which office he adorned by the sweetness of his character, his learning, probity and moderation.

Until fifty years ago his history was a stock book, when it began to be neglected on account of the many discoveries giving a new cast to our knowledge of ancient history.—Chicago Journal.

### INDIAN FIGHTER NOT A GIANT

Daniel Boone Said to Have Been Small in Stature—Man of Deep Religious Conviction.

Daniel Boone is generally pictured as a giant in stature, of swarthy complexion, and a grim leader at a grim period in the country's history. Archibald Henderson in the Century draws a very different picture of the pioneer. According to him Boone was a scant five feet eight inches, although broad of shoulder, and his eyes were a mild blue, topped by fair eyebrows. He was shy, naïve, benign and simple. He was a super-woodsman, a master Indian fighter, but only an indifferent surveyor.

While acting as an agent for a company seeking wealth through land grants and colonization, he himself looked upon his work as that of an instrument of Providence, specially ordained by God to settle the wilderness. This religious fervor he carried with him in his wildest adventures and most bloody battles, and he promptly credited every success, great or small, to Providence. His two greatest exploits were the exploration of the trans-Appalachian region and the opening of the Transylvania trail, the path that ran through the Cumberland and opened the beauties and richness of Kentucky to the pioneer hordes from the Atlantic seaboard.

### If You Are Ambitious.

I have noticed that men who have climbed to great heights, as a rule, have chosen the job which held the larger future, regardless of what it might give in immediate returns. It was not the larger salary they were after, but the larger opportunity. It was the job which gave promise of the greatest future that they wanted, not a "soft snap" with easy money and no future. Many vocations which pay the most money at first have the least future in them. If you must make sacrifices make them when you are first starting out in life. You will find it much easier to make them later. What you need at the outset is, the most of all, the biggest opportunity for growth and development, the job that has the larger possible future in it. If you are ambitious you won't look for a "soft snap" and "easy money."—New Success.

### Square Musical Notes.

Shaped notes, that is, notes of a square, lozenge, round and other forms than the conventional notes, are hardly known to most people of the musical world. Yet they were strongly introduced and introduced by Lowell Mason to help in teaching sight singing, and they are still used in enormous quantities in the South in rural districts. The scheme of the shaped note is to represent the different degrees of the scale by means of a different shape note. For any one who has passed the most elementary stages in scale study the plan is quite useless in understanding tonalities, intervals, etc., and it is not used in the large music centers to any appreciable extent.—The Etude.

### Stonehenge Remains.

Thus far, excavations have failed to solve the mystery of the origin of Stonehenge. It had been hoped that its passing into the hands of the government would finally shed light on this mystery, for excavations have been previously forbidden by the private owners of the property. Thus far, however, we do not know whether Stonehenge, battered and broken as it is today by centuries of exposure to the winds and rains, was originally a Roman temple or a Druidical shrine, the work of the Phoenicians, the Saxons or the Danes, or whether it was, as has been claimed, a center of serpent worship, of sun worship, a place of sacrifice or of gallows for the execution of eminent criminals.

### Not Disinterested.

"You can't judge a man by what his relatives say of him," remarks an exchange. No, nor by what he says of himself.—Boston Transcript.

### BOOK MANY CENTURIES OLD

New Testament in Manuscript, Marvelously Preserved, Was Brought to New York From Armenia.

One of the oldest New Testament manuscripts in the world, and the oldest, so far as is known, in the United States, was brought from Europe by John Hahn, a Hungarian. A dozen or more full-page colored illustrations of incidents in the life of Jesus begin the volume. These are followed by two pages of historical data and several more comprising a calendar.

Little is known of the history of this ancient Testament. A brief account of its later adventures is given in the center of the book, written in modern Armenian by Jesekiel Arshaguni, who, in 1895, wrote what he knew of its story. During the reign of Abdur Hamid, when the Turks were persecuting the Armenian people, pillaging homes, demolishing chapels and carrying away all the books, this volume was saved because it was hidden in water, doubtless in a well, until the danger had passed. The book was equal to the test. The ink stayed fast and the parchment firm. Only the red leather cover was loosened from the canvas back, showing its wooden foundation and a scrap of silk lining.

### Employed Two Parachutes.

Though the design and operation of parachutes have been the subject of practical experiments since the eighteenth century, the American air service is the first, it is believed, to test the action and interaction of parachutes used in pairs, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. In experiments performed at Mitchel field, Long Island, N. Y., a sergeant strapped one parachute on his back, as usual, and a second on his chest. Thus encumbered, he was carried, in a two-seater plane, to a height of approximately one mile. Here he walked out on a wing, pulled the release of the rearward chute, and stepped into space. The white bag opened nicely, and he drifted down to within less than 1,000 feet. Here he pulled the second release, and the second parachute opened above him without entangling or interfering with the first.

### HAD HIGH AMBITION FOR SON

Father Wouldn't Be Satisfied Until He Saw Him in a Really Proud Position.

An instructor in the military academy at West Point was once assigned to conduct about the place the visiting parents of a certain cadet.

After a tour of the post, the proud and happy parents joined the crowd assembled to witness evening parade, a most imposing spectacle. The march past aroused the father of the cadet to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

"There!" he exclaimed to his spouse, "isn't that fine? But," he added, reflectively, "I shall not be happy till my boy attains the proud position that leads 'em all." And he pointed in rapt admiration to the drum-major.

### The Dub's Opinion.

"So you watched Vardon play golf."

"Yes."

"How did he impress you?"

"Not particularly. It's an easy game the way he plays it."

"That so? I thought he was remarkable."

"Remarkable? I didn't see anything remarkable about his game. His ball was always straight down the course, and the second shot always put him on the green. I could do that, too, if it weren't for the trouble I always get into. I'd like to see Vardon shoot the course in par with my slice. Then he'd be doing something."

### Crime and Cocaine.

William J. Burns, the famous detective, was displeased with the work of one of his squad last month, and, accordingly, as a kind of hint, presented the man with a copy of "Sherlock Holmes."

"I guess this means, Mr. Burns," the man sneered—"I guess this means I'd make a great detective if I took enough 'coke.'"

Mr. Burns shook his head sadly. "George," he said, "there ain't that much 'coke.'"

### Paramount Duty.

"Doesn't the sheriff spend a great deal of his time at the card table?"

"Yes," replied Cactus Joe.

### Grouchiness Destroys Friendship.

Nobody, of course, expects a man to be eternally radiant with cheerfulness and wreathed in smiles. But people will not tolerate urbanity one day and grouchiness the next in perpetual alternation. People will not tolerate it because they do not have to. Pleasant friends who are more reliable in their manner are not difficult to find. There is no need of putting up with a "grouch."

Consequently the moody, instead of blaming others for their unpopularity extraordinary, would far better reproach themselves. They are the ones with whom the fault lies, and until they overcome their moodiness they may rest assured that solitude and unhappiness will be their portion. — H. Addington Bruce in Chicago Daily News.

### Parrot a Brainy Bird.

We may question the veracity of some of the parrot stories that are told by admiring owners, but we cannot doubt that the parrot is endowed with remarkable brain power. A good bird will interpret the moods of those about it in a most uncanny way. A parrot known to the writer somehow seems to know instantly when his mistress is amused, and will join in the laughter after a dinner-table joke with such spontaneity that any stranger might credit him with an accurate appreciation of the humor of the moment.

### The Main Question.

"Sir, I came to ask you for your daughter's hand."

"Well, young man, how much are you prepared to put into it each month if I give it to you?"

### About Heaven.

There is a well-known story about a child being told that animals don't go to heaven, whereupon she inquired how heaven could flow with milk and honey if there were no cows there to supply the milk. A new variant of this has appeared. A new modern youngster on being told the same thing remarked: "Then what's the use of going if we have to go the bad place every morning for our milk."—Boston Transcript.

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